

Assumptions

The following broad assumptions have been made for fiscal years 1958 and 1959.

It is assumed:

1. That while the U. S. S. R. does not intend to initiate general war in fiscal year 1959, the possibility of general war through inadvertence has neither increased nor disappeared.
2. That the U. S. S. R. has the capability of inflicting extremely heavy damage on the U. S. in the event of general war occurs - and that this capability is continuing to grow.
3. That the Administration proposals for strengthening civil defense through such means as contributions for personnel and administrative expenses will have been legislated by the Congress.
4. That there are no legal bars to carrying out such provisions of the "Basic Responsibilities Paper" as are not already covered by Public Law 920, 81st Congress.
5. That the provision of an adequate and appropriate shelter system still lies considerably in the future.
6. That much can be done, independent of shelter, to strengthen the Nation's ability to survive.
7. That, given the leadership of well-prepared emergency government, free people and their institutions can, and will, survive.